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NOTES

Of the "List of Books recommended for a High School Classical Library," (see the *SCHOOL REVIEW* for June, pp. 393-396,) an edition of 3,000 copies was published. Less than 450 copies are now on hand, but these will be distributed *gratis* so long as they hold out. Those who wish for a copy may address Mr. C. L. Meader, (enclosing a two-cent stamp), 33 South Thayer St., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The desirability of establishing an association of the Teachers of Modern Languages in the Central States, has been keenly felt for some time. For the importance of the study of these languages has been growing rapidly all over the country, and many teachers, outside of the Eastern States, have found it impossible to attend the meetings of the Modern Language Association of America, which generally occur in the East. Hence a movement was started in the Spring by the Modern Language men of the Universities of Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, heartily supported by those of the University of Chicago, to provide Modern Language Teachers of the Middle West with better opportunities for coming together, and on the 28th of June a preliminary meeting of representatives of various States and Institutions in the Central and Western States was held in Chicago.

It was there agreed that every conflict with the Modern Language Association of America should be avoided, and that the annual meeting be so arranged as to allow members to attend both associations.

The name of the new organization is to be "The Central Modern Language Conference." The officers appointed to serve until the first regular convention are: President, W. H. Carruth, University of Kansas; Secretary and Treasurer, Prof. H. Schmidt Wartenberg, University of Chicago.

The first meeting will be held at the University of Chicago, December 30th-January 1st. The Society will meet annually, after that, at such places and at such times as have been determined upon at a preceding meeting. Any one recommended by the Executive Committee, may become a member of the Conference by the payment of two dollars. Papers to be read at the first convention should be sent (by title) to Prof. G. E. Karsten, Bloomington, Indiana, as early as convenient.

It is sincerely hoped that all persons interested in the advancement of the scientific study and teaching of the Modern Languages and Literatures will give this new society their hearty support.

The National Herbart Society for the Scientific Study of Education was organized in Denver at the late meeting of the N. E. A. Its purpose is to study and investigate and discuss important problems in education. Its members do not subscribe strictly to the doctrine of any one leader, but seek for fair and thorough discussion. Some members of this society are strongly

tinctured with the educational doctrines of Herbart, others are not, and it is right to expect an honest search for truth.

An executive council of nine members has the control of the society's work. They are as follows:

Charles DeGarmo, Swarthmore College, President; Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia College; John Dewey, University of Chicago; Wilbur S. Jackman, Cook County Normal School; Elmer E. Brown, University of California; Frank McMurry, University of Buffalo; Levi Seesley, State Normal School, Trenton, N. J.; C. C. VanLiew, Illinois State Normal University; Charles A. McMurry, Normal, Ill., Secretary.

The society was organized for the aggressive discussion and spread of educational doctrines, and it desires to draw into its membership all teachers, students of education, and parents who wish to keep abreast of the best thought and discussion. It publishes a yearbook six weeks before the N. E. A. meeting, which contains two or more complete monographs on important topics carefully worked out by specialists in educational fields. The yearbook is sent free to all regular members. In addition to the yearbook the society, through its Secretary, will send free to each member one or more additional pamphlets during the year. Regular yearly membership in the society may be secured by the payment of a one-dollar fee, which should be sent to the Secretary, at Normal, Ill.

The circular of the Society, which contains a plan for the organization of local clubs, can be obtained of the Secretary. Charles A. McMurry, Normal, Ill.